

Registration as a **Timer Service**

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- need to encourage timers to get RunSignup Timer Certification: Course materials on website:

-Timer Certification Marketing Module:

<u>https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1S_KG0yKWtoejmAHKp-WQvC2vIMmEAG6oeeZIaBlotWg/edit?usp=sharing</u> -Timer Certification Intro Module:

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Timer Education Summit:

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Today's **Agenda**

- Timer Revenue Series
- What is Registration as a Service, and why should you offer it?
- Knowing your Customers' Goals
- Key Points/Best Practices
- Teaching the Customer
- Sandbox Race
- Pricing Ideas
- Get Certified!

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Track Meet and Tickets: New Revenue for Timers



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Registration as a **Service**



What is it?

Every single one of us has worked with a customer who has set up their registration incorrectly, whether that's forgetting to require answers to an important question, using a question to identify what distance someone is competing in, or just plain dumping a terrible Google Sheet in your lap.

Consulting with the race to set up an appealing and well thought-out registration flow is a skill that we take for granted as Timers, but can be offering as a service to our organizers.

In the end, the organizer gets more registrations, the participants have less confusions, and the Timer gets paid to have better data.



Timer Industry Services Beyond Timing

Timing a race can be the jumping off point to many other revenue streams.



Top Services Timers **Provide Beyond Timing**

Majority of Timers Provide (50%+)

- 1. Registration Setup and Management
- 2. Race Directing, Event Management
- 3. Check-In Management
- 4. Course Certification & Set Up
- 5. Event Marketing
- 6. Item Rentals
- 7. Custom Shirts or Bibs

Choices	Response percent
Registration Setup and Management	85.62%
Race Directing, Event Management	76.47%
Check-in Management	62.09%
Course Certification & Set Up	55.56%
Event Marketing	55.56%
Item Rentals: Barricades, video displays, cones, etc.	52.29%
Custom Shirts or Bibs	50.33%
Photos	44.44%
Participant Tracking	43.14%
Race Staff or Volunteer Management	41.18%
Branded Promotion Items (awards, medals, shirts, etc)	32.68%
Custom Website	24.84%
Tickets for Related Events and/or Activities	18.95%
Expo Management	13.73%
Sponsorship Sales	11.11%

Why you should offer **Registration as a Service**

- More money for better data
- Better oversight of how the scoring will be structured
 - Are you asking specific questions?
 - Are those questions usable in the scoring software?
- Positions the Timer as the Race's technology expert
- Ability to implement registration methods that you've seen go well elsewhere
- Potential partner revenue
- Makes a "stickier" relationship with the Race



••• Knowing Your Customers' Goals

Knowing Your Customers' Goals

What type of race or event is it? What is their primary goal?

- Fundraising event (donation/peer-to-peer focused)
- Competitive race
- Relay
- Team-focused event
- Community event

RunSignup has tools to help all of the above. Have a "discovery" conversation to learn more about each race's needs.



Best Practices

Best Practices (For Every Race)

Features you should "sell" every race on

- **Referral Rewards:** Offer a refund or swag reward for referring more than X people
 - Example: For every 5 referred registrations, automatic refund of \$25
- **Insurance:** Registration Insurance through Protecht/FanShield brings in revenue for the race (20% cut of all premiums sold) and helps registrants feel protected in case of injury or a qualified conflict
- **Price Increases:** Incentivize early registration by offering– and marketing– a significant price difference if participants register by a certain date. You can enable automated emails to communicate this.

S20 Average Refund for Referral Programs with a Threshold of 3-5 Referrals

7%

of All Transactions came from referrals in 2024

Best Practices

More Best Practices (For Most Races)

- **Teams:** Even if the race doesn't do team scoring or have an official team program, enabling the feature at the most basic level will provide some organic marketing– participants can set up their own social teams and invite their friends to join them
- Donation checkout add-on: If the race benefits a charity, enable the donation checkout add-on (Donations >> Setup) to encourage last minute donations
- Giveaways: Most races offer a free giveaway, such as a T-shirt. If the race is wanting to charge for a giveaway, or sell additional items, review the need with them and see if an add-on is a better feature for them.

31%

of registrants joined a team when prompted



Common Setup Considerations

Discuss these with your races!

- **Caps:** Are there caps on the race, on specific events, or just a T-shirt cutoff date?
- **Questions:** Does the race need to collect any question responses?
 - Emergency Contact Name and Phone
 - Emergency SMS (Phone Number Opt-in)
 - Estimated Finish Time

Friends (timers) don't let friends (race directors) use the **Essay** question type. These are not easy to report on later.

Also, **Checkbox** questions cannot be used for timing purposes. If your race needs to collect question responses related to scoring ("Are you a firefighter?"), steer them to a different question type (like **Yes/No, Radio,** or **Select Menu**).

🗰 🕇 🖡 Tell us your "story"...why do you run? Why are you running this race? What is something interesting about you?

III ↑ ↓ What is your estimated finish time for this race? (This time will be used for seeding purposes.)

Access and Training

- Giving your race directors some visibility into their own dashboard is recommended, even if you manage it for them
- Payment account setup for new races
- Offer to train them on how to pull reports and look up participant information
- Division of responsibility marketing, website, email, participant info changes
- Race >> Secure Access/Info Sharing



Creating a **Sandbox Race**



Create a Sandbox Race

Every Timer should have a Sandbox Race

- Easily show the Race an example of the registration flow
- Shows reporting without sharing any information about other customers
- Easily demonstrates participant management without affecting actual registrants or registration numbers
- Good for testing scoring integrations
- Helps keep up to date with new RunSignup feature releases



Pricing Strategies



Pricing Strategies

Offer Registration Setup as part of your basic fee

- Good for new relationships and races
- Can be a useful method to get a race onto your Partner account

Set a base number that needs to be met (e.g. no charge if the race is below 250 registrations)

- Shows you believe you can grow the race
- Makes sure the race hits their benchmarks

Use Timer Fees to simplify the arrangement

- Charged to the participant, invoicing not required
- This may be trickier to set up depending on how you use Timer Fees across other races





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RunSignup Timer Certification

Get Certified!

- RunSignup Certification Program
 Available
- Training on registration and marketing tools
- Receive official RunSignup Certified status on website and certification badge.
- Timers with all four badges show up first in Timer Searches



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Questions?



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Reminder: Upcoming RunSignup Timer Revenue Generation Series



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Ways to increase registrations = increased revenue (improved experience, marketing, etc.

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Timer Tip Tuesday: Registration as a Service

July 8 20 at 12pm ET



Timer Tip Tuesday: Marketing as a Service

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- Icons
- Stat Bubbles
- Basic Charts & Graphs
- Screenshot Photography
- Live Event Photography



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